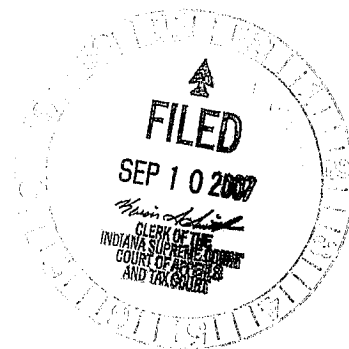


In the
Indiana Supreme Court



CAUSE NUMBER: 94S00-0702-MS-49

ORDER AMENDING RULES FOR SMALL CLAIMS

Under the authority vested in this Court to provide by rule for the procedure employed in all courts of this state and this Court's inherent authority to supervise the administration of all courts of this state, Rule 12 of the *Indiana Rules for Small Claims* is amended to read as follows (deletions shown by ~~striking~~ and new text shown by underlining):

INDIANA RULES FOR SMALL CLAIMS

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Rule 12. Venue

(A) **Proper Venue.** Proper venue for a case filed in the small claims docket of a Circuit, Superior, or County Court shall be in the county where the transaction or occurrence actually took place or where the obligation was incurred or is to be performed, or where one of the defendants resides or has his or her place of employment at the time the complaint is filed.

Proper venue of any claim between landlord and tenant, including but not limited to a claim for rent, for possession of real estate, for return of property, for return of security deposit or for damages, filed in county small claims courts created pursuant to IC 33-11.6-1-333-34-1-2 shall be in the county and township division of the Small Claims Court where the real estate is located. In the event there is no court division existing in the township where the real estate is located, such claim may be filed in any of the townships of the county.

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This amendment shall take effect January 1, 2008.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a copy of this Order to the clerk of each circuit court in the state of Indiana; Attorney General of Indiana; Legislative Services Agency

and its Office of Code Revision; Administrator, Indiana Supreme Court; Administrator, Indiana Court of Appeals; Administrator, Indiana Tax Court; Public Defender of Indiana; Prosecuting Attorney's Council; Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission; Indiana Supreme Court Commission for Continuing Legal Education; Indiana Board of Law Examiners; Indiana Judicial Center; Division of State Court Administration; Indiana Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program; the libraries of all law schools in this state; the Michie Company; and the West Group.

The West Group is directed to publish this Order in the advance sheets of this Court.

The Clerks of the Circuit Courts are directed to bring this Order to the attention of all judges within their respective counties and to post this Order for examination by the Bar and general public.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 10th day of September, 2007.

Randall T. Shepard
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Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.